Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Open Government Commission

MINUTES
September 17, 2026

CONCURRENT REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES COMMISSION AND THE OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

2180 Milvia St., Berkeley, CA 94704
1st Floor, Cypress Room

Members Present: Pajouablai Monica Lee, Janis Ching, Kitt Saginor, Thomas Boer, Rithwik Sudharsan, Andrew Lazarus, Kyle Haugh

Also Present: Sam Harvey, Staff Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. **Roll Call.**

Roll call taken.

3. **Land Acknowledgement**

4. **Approval of agenda**

   a. Public comment: None.
   b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve agenda. (M/S/C: Sudharsen/Ching: Ayes: Ching, Saginor, Boer Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh; Noes: None; Absent: Shere, Lee.)

5. **Public Comment**

Three speakers.

6. **Approval of minutes for July 18, 2026 FCPC-OGC Regular Meeting**

   a. Public comment: None.
   b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve minutes. (M/S/C: Saginor/Ching: Ayes: Lee, Ching, Saginor, Sudharsan, Haugh; Noes: None; Absent: Shere; Abstain: Boer, Lazarus.)

Fair Campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) Agenda

7. **Reports**
   a. Report from Chair
   b. Report from Staff

8. **Review of City of Berkeley elections website, including accessibility of Netfile public portal**

   a. Public comment: None.
   b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to authorize Chair to send follow-up letter to City Clerk re website and authorizing Commissioner Sudharsen to write letter and send to Chair and Commission Secretary for review and transmission. (M/S/C: Lee/Saginor: Ayes: Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh; Noes: None; Absent: Shere.)

9. **Notification of campaign report non-filers from City Clerk Department**

   a. Public comment: None.

Open Government Commission (OGC) Agenda

10. **Reports**.
    a. Report from Chair
    b. Report from Staff

11. **Complaint regarding Public Records Act request 26-2144**
    a. Public Comment: one speaker.
    b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to direct staff to investigate. (M/S/C: Saginor/Ching: Ayes: Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh; Noes: None; Absent: Shere.)

12. **Public access to hybrid meetings, including progress update on North Berkeley Senior Center, policy discussion of topics raised by the public regarding access for persons with temporary or permanent disabilities, handling of written public comment, and the availability of live transcription and recordings**

    a. Public comment: None.

b. Commission discussion.

13. **Review and revision of Open Government Ordinance related to broadcasting and archiving commission meetings**

a. Public comment: None.
b. Commission discussion.

14. **Review and revision of Open Government Ordinance related to Public Records Act request public positing procedures**

a. Public comment: None.
b. Commission discussion.

15. **Review and revision of Open Government Ordinance related to ephemeral messaging applications.**

a. Public comment: None.
b. Commission discussion.

16. **City Council policies for items on consent calendar, including practice of placing consent items on agenda that are not going to pass unanimously**

a. Public comment: None.
b. Commission discussion.

17. **Practices for describing public meeting agenda items**.

a. Public comment: None.
b. Commission discussion.

18. **Commission City Council item re public access to supplemental materials and amendments at City Council meetings, including the timing of presentation of such materials by the Mayor or City Councilmembers, such that the public may comment on them.**

a. Public comment: None.
b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to designate Commissioner Ching and Commissioner Saginor to Commission representatives for this item before the City Council and any City Council committees.

(M/S/C: Haugh/Lee: Ayes: Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh; Noes: None; Absent: Shere.)

19. **Announcements**

a. Public comment: None.
b. Commission discussion.

20. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn. (M/S/C: Ching/Lee: Ayes: Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh; Noes: None; Absent: Shere.)

Meeting adjourned: 8:52 pm